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In re the Application of

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For: METHOD FOR MAKING THIN-FILM SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, THIN-FILM SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, METHOD FOR MAKING ELECTRO-OPTIC APPARATUS, ELECTRO-OPTIC APPARATUS, AND ELECTRONIC APPARATUSES

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

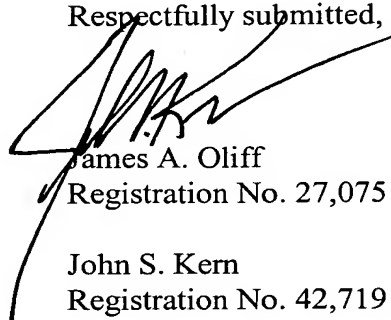
In reply to the October 2, 2005 Restriction Requirement, Applicant provisionally elects Group II, claims 1-8 and 10, drawn to a method of making that device, classified in class 438, subclass 151, with traverse.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims 1-12 is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in

order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicant and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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